GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Discrimination in MDMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the media report regarding prevalence of untouchability in Mid Day Meal Scheme in schools in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): During the last 3 years and current year, 5 cases have been reported; 2 in Madhya Pradesh and 1 each in Gujarat, Karnataka and Odisha relating to discrimination in Mid Day Meal Scheme in schools. Out of these, 4 were found to be baseless. In one case of Amthapada Prakalpa Upper Primary School (PUPS) of Boudh block of Boudh District in Odisha, the State Government of Odisha was advised to take appropriate action against the erring officials. The State Government informed on 13th August, 2012 that headmaster of the school was placed under suspension and disciplinary action was initiated against the Sub-Inspector of the schools of that area.

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